

# Five KY Tech automotive technology programs receive Kobalt tools as part of Lowe's National "Toolbox for Education" Program



## *Lowes of Pikeville, #0435*



*Photo (l to r): Matthew Stewart, KY Tech-Millard ATC student and 2<sup>nd</sup> place winner in SkillsUSA regional automotive service technology event; Candy Lewis, Lowe's sales manager; Tim Shepard, sales specialist; Jason Brown, Lowe's store manager; and Timmy Hall, KY Tech-Millard ATC student and 1<sup>st</sup> place winner in SkillsUSA regional automotive service technology event.*

Once again, Lowe's and Kobalt Tools have teamed together in partnership with SkillsUSA to help students develop their skills using brand new state of the art tools. This year, one local and five Kentucky Tech automotive technology instructors were provided with approximately \$1,100 worth of donated Kobalt tools as part of the national "Toolbox for Education" program.

The national program began in March and concluded May 15, 2010. Tool donations totally \$450,000 were provided to 400 SkillsUSA programs nationally. Automotive technology program recipients were chosen using criteria set by Lowe's that included 100 percent membership and at least 16 students and professional members.

The following Kentucky automotive technology teachers reached the benchmark and became proud owners of Kobalt Tools for their classrooms:

*Roc Moore, KY Tech-Hughes Jones/Harrodsburg ATC*

*Ricky Brockman, KY Tech-Lake Cumberland ATC*

*Donald Dix, Jr., KY Tech-Meade Co. ATC*

*Danny Akers, KY Tech-Millard ATC*

*Robert Lee, KY Tech-Paducah ATC*

*Jack Kinner, Boyd Co. CTC*

*Each instructor received a Kobalt Tool kit including:*

- 1 - Kobalt 110 pc Thru-Ratchet Set*
- 2 - Kobalt 16 pc ½" Socket Set*
- 1 - Kobalt 227 pc Socket Set*
- 2 - Kobalt 7 pc SAE Ratcheting Wrench Set*
- 2 - Kobalt 7 pc Metric Ratcheting Wrench Set*
- 2 - Kobalt 10 pc SAE Combination Wrench Set*
- 2 - Kobalt 10 pc Metric Combination Wrench Set*
- 1 - Kobalt 5-Drawer Stainless Steel Tool Chest*







*Photo at left: Students in Danny Akers' automotive technology A.M. class.*

*Pictured (l to r): Matthew Sergent, Kevin Tackett, Josh Smallwood, Sebastian Little, Eric Younce, and Chad Smallwood.*

*Photo at right: Students in Danny Akers' automotive technology P.M. class.*

*Pictured (l to r): Landon Grierson, John Adkins, Clinton Coleman, and Claudia Thacker – all second year students from East Ridge High School.*





**Danny L. Akers**  
**Automotive Technology Instructor**  
**Millard Area Technology Center:**

***“Thank you for supporting our school and students by donating the Kobalt hand tools, chest, and banner. In these tough economic times a donation of this size and quality is greatly appreciated by not only me, but my students who will become future automotive technicians.*”**

***“Since becoming an automotive instructor, I have had 100 percent student membership each year for the 24 years I have been teaching. I believe all students should belong to a professional organization and be made aware of business and industry contributions to their education. Students need to know how the relationship between SkillsUSA and business and industry work together to help them achieve a rewarding and productive future as automotive technicians. The partnership between SkillsUSA and Lowe’s is a perfect example of this cooperation.*”**

***“On behalf of my current and future students, I thank you, Lowe’s and Kobalt Tools, for this very generous donation.”***





*Photo courtesy of Rianna Robinson, photographer, Harrodsburg Herald*

### ***Lowe's of Danville, #1622***

***Presentation of Kobalt Tools by Lowe's representatives to Roc Moore, automotive technology instructor, KY Tech-Hughes Jones/Harrodsburg ATC (HJH-ATC).***

***Pictured (l to r): George Smith, department manager; Boone Setters, Store Manager; Duane Flora, HJH- ATC principal; Steve Phillippi, Kentucky SkillsUSA state director; Linda Floyd, KY Tech area supervisor; Mike Kindred, Office of Career and Technical Education deputy executive director; Roc Moore, Adam Marvin, HJH-ATC SkillsUSA president; Mike Wren, receiving manager; and Lori Boling, customer service associate.***

***Dan Gentry  
Operations Manager:***



***"Lowe's is a national corporate sponsor of SkillsUSA and Lowe's #1622 was honored to help coordinate this donation of Kobalt Tools for students in the automotive technology program at Hughes Jones-Harrodsburg. We know that young adults who learn the right skills and use the right tools have a greater chance to be successful. It is a great honor for us to be part of the community we service and to build relationships .***



**Photo, (l to r): Adam Marvin, HJH-ATC SkillsUSA president and Roc Moore.**

**Marvin:**

***“This is a great tool box and we would like to thank Lowe’s and Kobalt Tools for partnering up to make this possible. This really means that everyone in our automotive technology class gets to use these new tools everyday in class.”***



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**Roc Moore:**

***“This is a wonderful example of how industry works to partner with education for the betterment of the program and to further the success of our students.***

***“SkillsUSA has had a huge part in the transformation of my students as it has provided an opportunity for skills and leadership training that they don’t get anywhere else. SkillsUSA club membership also provides students with opportunities to compete against the best of the best in their program area with opportunities to win recognition, scholarships and tools. Lowe’s and Kobalt Tools support reinforces what we are teaching in the classroom and practically demonstrates the value of education-industry partnerships.”***